

**Child Care and Development Fund**  
**FACT SHEET**  
*March, 2011*  
*Montana*

## **Caseload**

- 5,988 children were served this month in this program
- 3,734 families received subsidies for childcare through this program
- 7.5% of the families entered the program during this period
- Yellowstone County accounted for 24.0% of all families served

## **Children**

- 85.7% of children were served in licensed care
- 10.6% of children were cared for by relatives
- Children under 1 year of age were in child care an average of 130 hours per month
- School-age children (ages 6 and older) constitute 25.4% of all children served
- White children accounted for 80.1% of all children served

## **Families**

- 74.6% of families received subsidies because of employment
- 100.0% of families had copayments, at an average of 3.8% of income
- The average number of children served per family was 1.7
- 84.7% of families were headed by a single parent
- 15.6% of families listed TANF as a source of income

## **Expenditures**

- The average cost of care this month per child was \$482 (monthly subsidy + parent fee)
- Parents paid 7.3% of the cost and the program paid 92.7%
- Average monthly expenditures for children under 1 year of age was \$513
- Average monthly expenditures for school-age children (ages 6 and older) was \$328
- 82.8% of total expenditures were for children under 6 years of age

## **Counties**

- The highest average cost of care was in Fergus County at \$688 per child
- Garfield County ranks first in relative care statewide with 80.0% of all children cared for by relatives.
- The county with the greatest percent of TANF recipients in the caseload was Wheatland County, where 50.0% of families receiving child care subsidies also received income from TANF